## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An encryption method for dividing a first plaintext bit stream of length 2n into first and second sub-bit streams of length n, dividing a second plaintext bit stream of length 2n into third and fourth sub-bit streams of length n, and generating a ciphertext bit stream of length 2n from the first, second, third and fourth sub-bit streams using 2-rounds of encryption, the method comprising the steps of:

performing a first-round of encryption by outputting the second ciphertext bit stream being output with a predetermined time delay from the first ciphertext bit stream after receiving the first and second sub-bit streams and generating first ciphertext bit streams of length n by encrypting the first and second sub-bit streams with predetermined first encryption codes;

generating a first operated ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the first ciphertext bit stream and the third sub-bit stream;

generating a second operated ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the second ciphertext bit stream and the fourth sub-bit stream; and

- performing a second-round encryption by outputting the third and fourth ciphertext bit streams after receiving the first operated ciphertext bit stream and the second operated ciphertext bit stream having the predetermined time delay and generating third and fourth ciphertext bit streams of length n by encrypting the first operated ciphertext bit stream and the second operated ciphertext bit stream with predetermined second encryption codes.
  - 2. The encryption apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first predetermined encryption codes comprises at least one of  $KO_{1,1}$ ,  $KO_{1,2}$ ,  $KO_{1,3}$ ,  $KI_{1,1}$ ,  $KI_{1,2}$ , and  $KI_{1,3}$ .

- 3. The encryption apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first predetermined encryption codes comprises at least one of  $KO_{2,1}$ ,  $KO_{2,2}$ ,  $KO_{2,3}$ ,  $KI_{2,1}$ ,  $KI_{2,2}$ , and  $KI_{2,3}$ .
- 4. The encryption method of claim 2, wherein the first-round encryption step comprises the steps of:

generating a first signal by performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the first sub-bit stream and the first encryption code KO<sub>1,1</sub> to provide a first exclusive-OR operated bitstream, encrypting the first exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the first encryption code KI<sub>1,1</sub> to provide a first encrypted signal, and performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the first encrypted signal and the second sub-bit stream; delayed by time required for the encryption;

generating the first operated ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the second sub-bit stream and the first encryption code KO<sub>1,2</sub>, to provide a second exclusive-OR operated bitstream encrypting the second exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the first encryption code KI<sub>1,2</sub>, to provide a second encrypted signal; and performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the second encrypted signal and the first signal;

generating the second operated ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the first signal and the first encryption code KO<sub>1,3</sub> to provide a third exclusive-OR operated bitstream; encrypting the third exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the first encryption code KI<sub>1,3</sub>; and performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the encrypted signal with the first sub-bit stream delayed by time required for the encryption.

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5. The encryption method of claim 3, wherein the second-round encryption step comprises the steps of:

generating a second signal by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation the first operated ciphertext bit stream and the second encryption code 30 KO<sub>2,1</sub> to provide a fourth exclusive-OR operated bitstream; encrypting the fourth

exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the second encryption code KI2,1 to provide a third encrypted signal; performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the third encrypted signal and the second operated ciphertext bit stream to provide a fifth exclusive-OR operated bitstream;

generating the third ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the second operated ciphertext bit stream and the second encryption code KO<sub>2,2</sub>; encrypting the fifth exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the second encryption code KI<sub>2,2</sub> to provide a fourth encrypted signal; and performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the fifth encrypted 10 signal and the second signal; delayed by time required for the encryption; and

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generating the fourth ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the secondsignal and the second encryption code KO<sub>2,3</sub>;encrypting the sixthexclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the second encryption code KI<sub>2,3</sub>; and performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the 15 encrypted signal with the third ciphertext bit stream.

- The encryption method of claim 5, wherein each of the 6. encryptions includes first and second sub-encryptions, and outputs from the first and second sub-encryptions are stored and simultaneously retrieved according to 20 an external clock signal.
- The encryption method of claim 5, wherein a 16-bit input bit 7. stream is divided into a 9-bit stream and a 7-bit stream, a 9-bit ciphertext bit stream is generated from the 9-bit stream using a first equation, and a 7-bit 25 ciphertext bit stream is generated from the 7-bit stream using a second equation in each of the sub-encryptions, wherein said first equation comprises

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y0 = (x0x2) \oplus x3 \oplus (x2x5) \oplus (x5x6) \oplus (x0x7) \oplus (x1x7) \oplus (x2x7) \oplus (x4x8) \oplus (x5x8) \oplus (x7x8) \oplus (1';
y1 = x1 \oplus (x0x1) \oplus (x2x3) \oplus (x0x4) \oplus (x1x4) \oplus (x0x5) \oplus (x3x5) \oplus x6 \oplus (x1x7) \oplus (x2x7) \oplus (x5x8) \oplus (1';
y2 = x1 \oplus (x0x3) \oplus (x3x4) \oplus (x0x5) \oplus (x2x4) \oplus x5 \oplus (x0x6) \oplus (x5x6) \oplus (x4x7) \oplus (x5x7) \oplus (x5x7) \oplus (x6x7) \oplus x8 \oplus (x0x8) \oplus (1';
y3 = x0 \oplus (x1x2) \oplus (x0x3) \oplus (x2x4) \oplus x5 \oplus (x0x6) \oplus (x1x6) \oplus (x4x7) \oplus (x0x8) \oplus (x1x8) \oplus (x1x8);
y4 = (x0x1) \oplus (x1x3) \oplus x4 \oplus (x0x5) \oplus (x3x6) \oplus (x0x7) \oplus (x6x7) \oplus (x1x8) \oplus (x2x8) \oplus (x3x8);
y5 = x2 \oplus (x1x4) \oplus (x4x5) \oplus (x0x5) \oplus (x1x6) \oplus (x3x7) \oplus (x4x7) \oplus (x5x8) \oplus (x5x8) \oplus (x5x8) \oplus (x7x8) \oplus (1';
y6 = x0 \oplus (x2x3) \oplus (x1x5) \oplus (x2x5) \oplus (x4x5) \oplus (x3x6) \oplus (x5x6) \oplus x7 \oplus (x1x8) \oplus (x3x8) \oplus (x5x8) \oplus (x7x8);
y7 = (x0x1) \oplus (x0x2) \oplus (x1x2) \oplus x3 \oplus (x0x3) \oplus (x2x3) \oplus (x4x5) \oplus (x2x6) \oplus (x3x6) \oplus (x2x7) \oplus (x5x7) \oplus x8 \oplus (1';
y8 = (x0x1) \oplus x2 \oplus (x1x2) \oplus (x1x2) \oplus (x3x4) \oplus (x1x25) \oplus (x2x3) \oplus (x1x6) \oplus (x2x8) \oplus (x3x8) \oplus (x3x8);
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and said second equation comprises

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 \lambda_{\ell} = (x_1 x_1^{\ell}) \oplus (x_1 x_1^{\ell}) \oplus (x_1 x_1^{\ell}) \oplus (x_1 x_2^{\ell}) \oplus (x_1 x_1^{\ell}) \oplus (x_1 x_2^{\ell}) \oplus (x_
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- 8. An encryption apparatus for dividing a first plaintext bit stream of length 2n into first and second sub-bit streams of length n, dividing a second plaintext bit stream of length 2n into third and fourth sub-bit streams of length n, and generating a ciphertext bit stream of length 2n from the first, second, third and fourth sub-bit streams using 2-rounds of encryption, the apparatus comprising:
- a first ciphering unit for receiving the first and second sub-bit streams, and generating first and second ciphertext bit streams of length n by encrypting the first and second sub-bit streams with predetermined first encryption codes KO<sub>1,1</sub>, KO<sub>1,2</sub>, KO<sub>1,3</sub>, KI<sub>1,1</sub>, KI<sub>1,2</sub>, and KI<sub>1,3</sub> the second ciphertext bit stream being output with a predetermined time delay compared to the first ciphertext bit stream;

an operating unit for generating a first operated ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the first ciphertext bit stream and the third sub-bit stream, and generating a second operated ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the second ciphertext bit stream with the fourth sub-bit stream; and

a second ciphering unit for receiving the first operated ciphertext bit stream and the second operated ciphertext bit stream having the predetermined time delay, generating third and fourth ciphertext bit streams of length n by encrypting the first operated ciphertext bit stream and the second operated ciphertext bit stream with predetermined second encryption codes KO<sub>2,1</sub>, KO<sub>2,2</sub>, KO<sub>2,3</sub>, KI<sub>2,1</sub>, KI<sub>2,2</sub>, and KI<sub>2,3</sub> and concurrently outputting the third and fourth ciphertext bit streams.

9. The encryption apparatus of claim 8, wherein the first ciphering 15 unit comprises:

a first block having a first exclusive-OR operator for performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the first sub-bit stream and the first encryption code KO<sub>1,1</sub>, a first sub-cipher for encrypting the exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the first encryption code KI<sub>1,1</sub>, and a second exclusive-OR operator for generating a first signal by performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the encrypted signal with the second sub-bit stream being delayed to provide time for the encryption;

a second block having a third exclusive-OR operator for performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the second sub-bit stream and the first encryption code KO<sub>1,2</sub>, a second sub-cipher for encrypting the exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the first encryption code KI<sub>1,2</sub>, and a fourth exclusive-OR operator for generating the first operated ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the encrypted signal and the first signal; and

a third block having a fifth exclusive-OR operator for performing a 30 logical exclusive-OR operation on the first signal and the first encryption code

KO<sub>1,3</sub>, a third sub-cipher for encrypting the exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the first encryption code KI<sub>1,3</sub>, and a sixth exclusive-OR operator for generating the second operated ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the encrypted signal and the first sub-bit stream 5 delayed by time required for the encryption.

The encryption apparatus of claim 8, wherein the second 10. ciphering unit comprises:

a fourth block having a seventh exclusive-OR operator for exclusive-OR-10 operating the first operated ciphertext bit stream with the second encryption code KO<sub>2,1</sub>, a fourth sub-cipher for encrypting the exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the second encryption code KI<sub>2,1</sub>, and an eighth exclusive-OR operator for generating a second signal by performing a logical exclusive-OR-operation on the encrypted signal and the second operated ciphertext bit stream;

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a fifth block having a ninth exclusive-OR operator for exclusive-ORoperating the second operated ciphertext bit stream with the second encryption code KO<sub>2,2</sub>, a fifth sub-cipher for encrypting the exclusive-OR-operated bit stream with the second encryption code KI2,2, and a tenth exclusive-OR operator for generating the third ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-20 OR-operation on the encrypted signal and the second signal delayed by time required for the encryption; and

a sixth bock having an eleventh exclusive-OR operator for performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the second signal with the second encryption code KO<sub>2,3</sub>, a sixth sub-cipher for encrypting the exclusive-OR-operated bit 25 stream with the second encryption code KI<sub>2,3</sub>, and a twelfth exclusive-OR operator for generating the fourth ciphertext bit stream by performing a logical exclusive-OR operation on the encrypted signal and the third ciphertext bit stream.

> The encryption apparatus of claim 10, wherein each of the first 11.

to sixth sub-ciphers includes first and second sub-ciphering units, and a register for storing the outputs of the first and second sub-ciphering units and simultaneously retrieve the outputs according to an external clock signal.

The encryption apparatus of claim 11, wherein each of the first and second sub-ciphering units divides a 16-bit input bit stream into a 9-bit stream and a 7-bit stream, and generates a 9-bit ciphertext bit stream from the 9-bit stream using a third equation, and a 7-bit ciphertext bit stream from the 7-bit stream using a fourth equation, said third equation comprising

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and said fourth equation comprising

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